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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## ON THE HEALTH OF FARSLEY FOR THE YEAR ENDED - - - - DECEMBER 31st, 1925. - - - -

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GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my second Annual Report on the health of the district.

The year 1925 was a satisfactory one in many ways. I am able to report a considerable increase in the Birth-rate of the district and a decrease in the Death-rate and in the rate of Infant Mortality. There have also been fewer epidemics and the number of notifications of infectious diseases, while slightly higher than in 1924, is still not high.

**Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.** The Urban District of Farsley has an extent of 821 acres. Its population is 6,117 according to the Census of 1921, while, in 1925, it was estimated at 6,113, giving an average of 7.5 persons per acre. The village is about a mile long and healthily situated on the slope of a hill. The nearest river is the River Aire, which is about a mile and a quarter distant from the most northerly point of the village.

There are three streams running through the village: Red Beck, Farsley Beck, and Stanningley Beck.

The number of inhabited houses in 1921 was 1,624, while the number of families occupying them was 1,627. The rateable value is £35,824 5s. 0d., and sum represented by a penny rate is £145. The amount of Poor Law Relief in the district is under £20 per week.

The district is situated between the cities of Bradford and Leeds and so forms a part of a large manufacturing area. The chief occupation is the manufacture of textiles, in which 1,180 people, 501 men and 679 women, are engaged. There are over four hundred metal workers in the district, over two hundred engaged in trade, and almost as many clerks and typists. There is very little agriculture in the district.

**Vital Statistics.** The number of births registered in the district in 1925 was 64, 38 boys and 26 girls. To these must be added 12 transferable births, 6 boys and 6 girls, making a total of 76 in all. On an estimated population of 6,113 this gives a birth-rate of 12·4 per 1,000 per annum. The birth-rate in the district for the last five years has been as follows:—

|      |     |     |     |     |      |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1921 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12·2 |
| 1922 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14·8 |
| 1923 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13·0 |
| 1924 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10·5 |
| 1925 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12·4 |

The birth-rate for England and Wales for 1925 was 17·3.

Only one illegitimate birth was registered in the district in 1925.

58 deaths were registered, 28 men and 30 women, to which must be added 11 transferable deaths occurring outside the district, making a total of 69, 33 men and 36 women. The death-rate, calculated on a population of 6,113, is 11·3, 1·8 lower than last year's. The figures for the last five years are as follows:—

|      |     |     |     |     |      |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1921 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12·0 |
| 1922 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12·5 |
| 1923 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12·3 |
| 1924 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13·1 |
| 1925 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11·3 |

The death-rate for the whole of England and Wales for 1925 was 12·8.

Only 3 deaths of infants under one year were registered. This is the smallest number since 1921 and compares favourably with the 6 registered in 1922 and 1923, and 8 in 1924. The rate per 1,000 births is 39·46 as compared with 125 in 1924 and with the average rate for England and Wales, which is 91.

The average age of death was 55·4 and excluding the deaths of infants under one year, 58·4.

Five inquests were held during the year.

**Deaths of Inhabitants outside the district** were as follows:—

| Place.           |     |     | Age.    | Sex. | Cause.                              |
|------------------|-----|-----|---------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Clayton          | ... | ... | 73      | F    | Senile Cerebral Degeneration        |
| Do.              | ... | ... | 69      | M    | Cerebral Degeneration               |
| Do.              | ... | ... | 67      | M    | Cerebral Degeneration               |
| Do.              | ... | ... | 50      | F    | Valvular Disease of Heart           |
| Leeds Infirmary  | ... | ... | 67      | M    | Duodenal Ulcer                      |
| Do.              | ... | ... | 47      | M    | Shock (following fracture of skull) |
| Do.              | ... | ... | 14 mos. | F    | Heart Failure                       |
| Do.              | ... | ... | 1 m.    | F    | Marasmus                            |
| Leeds (District) | ... | ... | 60      | F    | Heart Failure                       |
| Do.              | ... | ... | 52      | M    | Asthma                              |
| Morecambe        | ... | ... | 72      | F    | Broncho-Pneumonia                   |

**Deaths within the district** were due to the following causes:

|   |          |     |     |     |    |
|---|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Tuberculosis (other than Pulmonary), Violence,                        |          |     |     |     |    |
| Apoplexy, Epilepsy, Nephritis, Influenza, Meningitis (T.B.), (1 each) |          |     |     |     |    |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Arterio-Sclerosis                             | (2 each) | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Diabetes  | ...      | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Pneumonia   | ...      | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Cancer  | ...      | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage  | ...      | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Bronchitis  | ...      | ... | ... | ... | 6  |
| Heart Disease   | ...      | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Other defined diseases  | ...      | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Total   |          |     |     |     | 12 |

## HOSPITALS.

Very considerable use is made of the Leeds Infirmary for accidents and surgical cases. The majority of general medical and surgical cases requiring hospital treatment also go to this hospital and the X-ray department is used for diagnostic purposes. The bulk of the ear and eye cases received attention at the Bradford Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Hospital.

## PREVALENT ILLNESSES.

There is no form of illness which is particularly prevalent in the district, which is, as a whole, much healthier than would be expected in a manufacturing area. The open situation of the village and the care which is taken to keep the mills well ventilated prevent any ill effects which might result from work in textile mills.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

### Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority.

- (1) Tuberculosis—Nil.

Nearest clinic is the West Riding County Council Clinic at the Town Hall, Pudsey.

- (2) Maternity—Nil.

- (3) Children—Nil.

- (4) Fever—Calverley Joint Hospital, which is subsidised by the Farsley Urban District Council in conjunction with Bradford, Pudsey and Calverley Councils. There is here accommodation for 54 patients. The hospital consists of three separate blocks, containing six wards, two side wards and offices, a house for the staff, and laundry, boiler-house, etc. The staff consists of a matron, sister, staff nurse, and five junior nurses.

- (5) Small-Pox—Nil.

- (6) Other—Nil.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children, other than the West Riding Council Poor Law Institution.

### Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For infectious cases—Horse ambulance at Calverley Joint Hospital.
- (b) For non-infectious and accident cases—
  - (i) West Riding Police ambulance for accident cases.
  - (ii) Pudsey ambulance—Private.



## Clinics.

- (i) **Maternity and Child Welfare Centre** at the Wesleyan School, in Back Lane, every Tuesday afternoon. This Clinic is meeting with very gratifying success. The average attendance of mothers is about 40 a week, and there are over 120 (coming regularly.) The mothers show great keenness in attending, and the general health of the children attending is excellent. Some ante-natal work is done, but in this respect the clinic is handicapped by the lack of an examination couch.
- (ii) **School Clinic** is held at the same place (Wesleyan School) every Friday morning. Both Clinics (i) and (ii) are provided by the West Riding County Council.
- (iii) **Tuberculosis Dispensary**.—None in the area. Nearest is at Town Hall, Pudsey.
- (iv) **Venereal Disease Clinic**.—None in the area. Cases go to either Leeds General Infirmary or Bradford Royal Infirmary.

## Public Health Officers of Local Authority.

- (i) Medical Officer of Health, who is also Poor Law Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator, part time. Salary, £40 per annum. Exchequer grant.
- (ii) One Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor. Salary, £280.
- (iii) One Health Visitor, employed by West Riding County Council.

## Professional Nursing in the Home.

- (i) General. District Nurse and Assistant District Nurse, provided by Local District Nursing Association.
- (ii) Midwives. District Nurse. Number practising in the area is one.

## Chemical Work.

Examinations of samples of water have been undertaken on a few occasions by the West Riding County Council Analyst at Wakefield. Water has been found to be of good quality.

## Legislation in Force.

- (i) Local Acts—Nil.
- (ii) Special Local Orders—Nil.
- (iii) Adoptive Acts—Vide Table C.
- (iv) By-laws relating to Public Health—Nil.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

### Water.

The water supply is supplied by the Bradford Corporation, and is sufficient in quantity and good in quality. The water has no plumbo-solvent action.

### Rivers and Streams.

There are only three small streams in the district, none polluted.

### Drainage and Sewage.

The greater part of the houses in the district are provided with water-closets, the sewage from which is dealt with at a sewage farm which has three precipitation tanks and four sludge lagoons. The effluent is fairly satisfactory, and the arrangements would appear to be adequate.

### Closet Accommodation.

|                     |     |     |     |     |      |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Water Closets       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1185 |
| Pan or Pail Closets | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
| Privy Middens       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 140  |
| Cesspools           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13   |
| Waste Water Closets | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21   |

During the past year 19 privies have been converted into water-closets, and 90 water-closets have been connected to the sewer.

In 1925, 55 privies were converted and 14 closets connected to the sewer. In 1923, 48 privies were converted into 61 water-closets, and 69 water-closets connected to the sewer.

Thus the conversion of the old types of closet into water-closets is proceeding rapidly.

### Scavenging.

|                                     |     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Ashpits separate from Privy Middens | ... | 122 |
| Dust Bins                           | ... | 494 |

There has been one new ashpit and 53 new dust bins provided during this year. In 1924, 22 ashpits were converted into 24 new dust bins.

During the year 2,733 ashpits were emptied, which were tipped either on the Council tip, the sewage farm, or on land. 2,114 loads were tipped at the tip.

### **Sanitary Inspection of the Area.**

Twenty-nine notices have been sent out; 1 defective ashpit, 1 burning clippings, 2 defective chimneys, 1 for fixing slop stones and gullies, 24 for insanitary closets. All remedied but nine.

### **Smoke Abatement.**

No action taken.

### **Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by By-laws or Regulations.**

- (i) Slaughter-houses. Six in district, 5 constantly used.  
All kept in good and clean condition.
- (ii) Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops. In all cases found clean and satisfactory.
- (iii) Bakehouses (3). Satisfactory.

### **Schools.**

Wesley Street and Francis Street. Public Elementary Schools, both clean and well ventilated. Sanitation satisfactory. Water supply good.

Three Private Schools. Satisfactory.

## **HOUSING.**

No. of new houses erected during the year:—

- (a) Total: 51.
- (b) With State assistance: —.
  - (i) By Local Authority: —.
  - (ii) By other bodies: —.

#### **1. Unfit dwelling-houses.**

Inspection (i) Total No. of houses inspected for housing defects: —.

(ii) No. inspected and recorded under Housing Regs., 1910, or Housing Consol. Regs., 1925: —.

(iii) No. found unfit for habitation: —.

(iv) No. found to be not in all respects fit for habitation: —.

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices: —.
3. Action under Statutory Powers:—
  - (a) Proceedings under Section 3 of Housing Act, 1925—
    - (i) Notices served requiring repairs: —.
    - (ii) No. rendered fit after formal notices—
      - (a) By Owners: —.
      - (b) By Local Authority: —.
    - (iii) No. of closing orders: —.
  - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts—
    - (i) Notices served requiring repairs: —.
    - (ii) No. rendered fit after formal notice—
      - (a) By Owners: —.
      - (b) By Local Authority: —.
  - (c) Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15—
    - (i) No. of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders: —.
    - (ii) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made: —.
    - (iii) No. of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the houses having been rendered fit: —.
    - (iv) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made: —.
    - (v) No. of dwelling-houses demolished: —.

## I. General Housing Conditions.

- (1) The bulk of the houses are small, many containing only two bedrooms, some only one. There are 472 back-to-back houses in the area. The older houses are usually built of stone, and many of them are damp. 494 houses are provided with baths. The new Council houses are healthily situated and get plenty of air and light.
- (2) (a) There is a shortage of houses in the district.  
 (b) The Council are carrying out a scheme for the erection of 90 new houses, of which 30 were completed at the end of 1925.
- (3) There has been no important change in population during the period 1920-5.

## II. Overcrowding.

- (1) Two cases of overcrowding have been investigated during the year.
- (2) Causes
  - (a) shortage of houses.
  - (b) Economic pressure leading to the letting of rooms, etc., in houses too small for the purpose.

(3) Measures taken for dealing with overcrowding: *vide supra*.

(4) Action taken: —.

### III. Fitness of houses.

(1) (a) Standard of housing in area: Chiefly cottages.

(b) General defects (i) dampness;  
(ii) lack of air and light.

(c) Defects are generally due to original construction of houses.

(2) General action as regards unfit houses under

(a) Public Health Acts: Nil.

(b) Housing Acts: Nil.

(3) Difficulties in remedying defects: This would in most cases involve rebuilding the houses.

(4) Closet accommodation is improving, but there are still houses with outside closets.

### IV. Unhealthy areas: Nil.

### V. By-laws relating to housing.

(1) Working of existing by-laws: —.

(2) Need for new by-laws: —.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) **Milk Supply.** The milk supply is in the hands of 10 producers and 14 retailers, and is satisfactory in quality.

(i) Action taken as to (a) tuberculous milk: Nil;  
(b) tuberculous cattle: Nil.

(ii) No. of licences granted for sale of milk under special designations: Nil.

(iii) Refusal or revocation of licences: Nil.

(iv) Bacteriological examination of milk: None made in 1925.

(b) **Meat Supply.**

(i) Meat inspection is carried out regularly.

(ii) Shops, stores, and vehicles generally clean and well kept.

(iii) Public slaughter-houses: Nil.

| Slaughter-houses. |     | In 1920. | In Jan., 1925. | In Dec., 1925. |
|-------------------|-----|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Registered        | ... | 7        | 6              | 6              |
| Licensed          | ... | 7        | 6              | 6              |
|                   |     | —        | —              | —              |
| Total             | ... | 7        | 6              | 6              |
|                   |     | —        | —              | —              |

(c) **Other Foods.**

Bakehouses: 3 in area, unattached to houses; none underground, all well kept.

(d) **Food poisoning:** Nil reported.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The district is comparatively free from infectious diseases, scarlet fever and a mild form of erysipelas being the commonest. All cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, and typhoid are removed on notification to the Fever Hospital at Calverley Moor, where a supply of diphtheria antitoxin is always available. There have been no "return" cases of scarlet fever during the year; encephalitis lethargica, malaria and dysentery have not occurred in the area during 1925. Pathological and bacteriological specimens are examined at the County Hall, Wakefield. Disinfection is carried out by the Surveyor and the Calverley Moor Hospital. Use has been made on two occasions of the Schick reaction in the cases of diphtheria contacts coming into the district. No artificial immunization has been attempted.

### Vaccination.

Thirty primary vaccinations and one re-vaccination have been performed by the Medical Officer of Health during the year. All have been successful. Unvaccinated children over 6 months old, one. Exemptions, 32.

During the year there were several cases of influenza, measles, both German and English, and chicken-pox, but there was no epidemic of any kind. Only two or three cases of whooping cough occurred. There were no school intimations of infectious disease during the year, and most of the absentees were suffering from coryza of moderate severity. Only one death from influenza occurred.

Cancer is not specially prevalent, but 5 deaths from this cause were notified during the year.

Rabies and Anthrax.—No cases.

### Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1925.—

| Disease.                  |     |     |     | Total cases notified. | Cases admitted to hospital. | Total deaths. |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Smallpox                  | ... | ... | ... | nil                   | nil                         | nil           |
| Scarlet Fever             | ... | ... | ... | 5                     | 5                           | nil           |
| Diphtheria                | ... | ... | ... | nil                   | nil                         | nil           |
| Enteric Fever             | ... | ... | ... | nil                   | nil                         | nil           |
| Puerperal Fever           | ... | ... | ... | nil                   | nil                         | nil           |
| Pneumonia                 | ... | ... | ... | nil                   | nil                         | 2             |
| Encephalitis              | ... | ... | ... | nil                   | nil                         | nil           |
| Erysipelas                | ... | ..  | ... | 4                     | 4                           | nil           |
| Other infectious diseases | ... |     |     | nil                   | nil                         | nil           |



|                           |     |     | 1925 | 1924 | 1923 | 1922 | 1921 |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Scarlet Fever             | ... | ... | 5    | 6    | 10   | 11   |      |
| Diphtheria                | ... | ... | 0    | 0    | 4    | 6    |      |
| Typhoid Fever             | ... | ... | 0    | 0    | 1    |      |      |
| Paratyphoid Fever         | ... | ... | 0    | 0    | 0    |      |      |
| Smallpox                  | ... | ... | 0    | 0    | 0    |      |      |
| Erysipelas                | ... | ... | 4    | 1    | 2    |      |      |
| Other notifiable diseases |     |     | 0    | 1*   | 0    |      |      |

\* Encephalitis Lethargica.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

#### New cases and mortality during 1925.

| Age Periods. | New Cases. |    |               |    | Deaths.    |    |               |    |
|--------------|------------|----|---------------|----|------------|----|---------------|----|
|              | Pulmonary. |    | Non-Pulmonary |    | Pulmonary. |    | Non-Pulmonary |    |
|              | M.         | F. | M.            | F. | M.         | F. | M.            | F. |
| 0            | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 1            | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 5            | —          | —  | 1             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 10           | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 15           | 3          | —  | 1             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 20           | —          | 3  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | 1  |
| 25           | 1          | —  | —             | —  | 2          | —  | —             | —  |
| 35           | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 45           | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 55           | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| 65           | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | 1             | —  |
| and upwards  | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |
| Totals ...   | —          | —  | —             | —  | —          | —  | —             | —  |

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

There have been no cases of Puerperal Fever, Ophthalmia Neonatorum, Infantile Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis or Epidemic Diarrhoea in the district during 1925. The infant mortality is 39.5 per 1,000 births, as compared with 91 for the whole of England.

Appended are Tables C and D, Factory Inspection Report, and Surveyor's Report.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. H. ELMER.

## TABLE C.

YEAR 1925.

## FARSLEY SANITARY DISTRICT.

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**NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.**

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only:  
35.

Nuisances reported in 1925: 35. Total needing abatement:  
35.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1924: None. Abated during 1925:  
26. Outstanding, end of 1925: 9.

Notices served, Informal: 6. Complied with: 6.

Notices served, Statutory: 29. Complied with: 20.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings:  
None.

| Regulated Buildings,<br>Trades, etc. | No. in<br>Dist. | No. on<br>Regis-<br>ter. | Total<br>No. of<br>Inspec-<br>tions<br>made. | General<br>Condition. | Legal Pro-<br>ceedings<br>(if any). |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Common Lodging-houses                | Nil             |                          |  |                       |                                     |
| Houses Let in Lodgings               | Nil             |                          |  |                       |                                     |
| Canal Boats                          | Nil             |                          |  |                       |                                     |
| Knackers' Yards                      | Nil             |                          |  |                       |                                     |
| Tents, Vans and Sheds                | Nil             |                          |  |                       |                                     |
| Offensive Trades                     | Nil             |                          |  |                       |                                     |

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offen-  
sive trades? No.

**DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.**

Developments during 1925? Extension of Sewer to Woodhall  
Lane.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers: No.  
(b) Improvement of defective sewers: No.

Sewage Disposal Works: (a) Any inadequacy? Yes; new  
scheme in course of preparation. (b) Any complaints?  
Yes.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.



**CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.**

No. of Privies with open middens: 40.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets: 5.

No. of Privies with covered middens, 121.

No. of Water Closets: 1,185.

Waste-water Closets: 21.

No. of Privies reconstructed during 1925—(a) As w.c.'s: 19.  
(b) Other: None.

No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—  
(a) w.c.'s: 90. (b) Other: 2.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses—(a)  
w.c.'s: 3. (b) Other: None.

**SCAVENGING.**

Any change during 1925? None.

Performed by Council? Yes.

How is refuse disposed of? No. of loads to (a) Destructor:  
None. (b) Tips: 2,162. (c) Farmers: 364. Total  
annual cost: £600.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? No.

Any utilisation of waste material? No.

**WATER SUPPLY.**

Any developments during 1925? None.

Restricted in any way? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where? None.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where?  
None.

Any new sources added? No. Any disused sources re-used?  
No.

**MILK SUPPLY.**

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3)  
of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? Yes.  
(a) For Retailers: Yes. (b) For Cow-keepers or Whole-  
sale Traders: Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies  
(Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—"Certi-  
fied" milk: No. "Grade A": No. "Grade A (Tuber-  
culin Tested)": No. "Grade A (Pasteurised)": No.  
"Pasteurised": No.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? Give No.  
and kind: None.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register? No.

- No. of Samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. and D. Acts: None.
- No. of Samples taken by Officers of S.A. for Bacteriological Examination? None.
- What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? None.
- Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925? No.
- No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk: 10.  
No. Registered: 10.
- No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers: 7. No. who are Milk Retailers only: 7. Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered: 14.
- Total No. of Cowsheds: 10. Total No. of Inspections in 1925: 10. Cowkeepers: 10. Retailers: 0.
- Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations? 1883.  
Any Legal Action? No.
- Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which milk is sent? No.

### **OTHER FOODS.**

- No. of Samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts: None.
- Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? No.
- No. of seizures of unsound food: None.
- Any Public Abattoir? No.
- No. of Slaughter-houses: 6. Registered: 6. Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position: None.
- No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected? Not less than monthly.
- No. of Prosecutions—(a) Food and Drugs: None. (b) Unsound Food: None. (c) Re Slaughter-houses: None.
- Bakehouses, No: 3, separate from houses. Any underground: None. Total No. of Inspections: Monthly.
- No. of Schools in district: 2. No. visited by M.O.H.: 2. Action taken: Nil. Schools closed by M.O.H.: None.

### **FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.**

- No. of Smoke Observations taken: —. No. of Cautions: —.  
Legal Notices: —. Summonses: —.
- No. of Workshops: —. No of times each Workshop inspected: —. Total inspections: —.
- Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed: None.

### **ADOPTIVE ACTS.**

- Acts adopted during 1925: Public Health Act, 1925, §§21, 22, Part V.

## BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Any By-laws made under Section 26 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, as to houses divided into separate tenements: None.

Any others adopted or revised during 1925: None.

Any relaxation of By-laws under Section 24 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919: None.

## INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925? None.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? None.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? None.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? No.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? No.

## HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

(a) General—Accident: Nil. Children: Nil.

(b) Local—Hospital, Cottage: Nil.

(c) Infectious—General: 1. Address: Calverley Moor Hospital. Smallpox: Nil.

(d) Maternity: Nil. Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? No.

(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme: None.

Whether any other Disease (e.g., Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital: No.

Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital: No. (b) Smallpox Hospital: No.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop? Home; workshop if necessary.

(2) Examination for contacts: No.

(3) Is house disinfected? Occasionally.

When? Fatal cases; where there is profuse expectoration.

(4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed? No.

(5) Action re spitting? Sputum, etc., burnt.

(6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? Yes.

(7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum? —.

(8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners? Yes.

**BACTERIOLOGY.**

(County Laboratory). Any suggestions? —.

**INFANT MORTALITY.**

Any suggestions? No.

Any Voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.

Causes of Excessive Infant Mortality in 1925? —.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action? No.

Suggestions will welcomed regarding—

(a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes.

(b) Ante-natal Schemes.

**VITAL STATISTICS.**

**Births** during 1925: Males: 38. Females: 26. Total: 64.  
No. illegitimate included in above: 1. No. of Still-births (not included): —.

**Deaths** during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, i.e., total actually Registered in the District without any correction: 58.

(2) Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated:

Males, 33; Females, 36. Total: 69.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above): —.

**MORTUARIES.**

What accommodation—(a) For accidents: One. (b) For infectious cases other than at hospital: —. (c) For other purposes: —. Any suggestions made by M.O.H.: Better lighting needed and improved washing facilities.

**SANITARY STAFF.**

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.: £40.

Name of Sanitary Inspector: V. Wilson.

Annual Salary as Inspector: £100.

Other Appointments held: Surveyor.

Salary for such other Appointment: £180.

Any Assistant? No.

Is Staff sufficient? No.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

**CLINICS.** Any suggestions—

(a) Tuberculosis: Nearest at Pudsey.

(b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest hospital? Nearest, Leeds and Bradford; easily reached.

(c) Child Welfare: W.R.C.C. Clinic, Back Lane, Farsley (weekly).

- (d) Ante-Natal: W.R.C.C. Clinic, Back Lane, Farsley (weekly).
- (e) School: W.R.C.C. Clinic, Back Lane, Farsley (weekly).
- (f) Dental: Nil.
- (g) Ophthalmic: Nil.

**ANY REMARKS** as to—

- (a) Voluntary Agencies for social betterment: No.
- (b) District Nursing Association: Very satisfactory work done.
- (c) Any Dispensary? No.
- (d) Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.): —.
- (e) Tuberculosis, Home Visiting, co-operation with local M.O.H. and Medical Attendant: —.
- (f) Dental Services: —.
- (g) Midwifery Services: —.
- (h) Propaganda work re Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, or Venereal Diseases: —.



# FARSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE **Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector** FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1925.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
FARSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have great pleasure in presenting you my Sixth Annual Report of various works carried out in my department during the year ending December 31st, 1925.

I hope the information and particulars contained herein will be of interest and satisfaction to each member of the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

**VICTOR WILSON, M.I.M. and C.E., M.S.I.A.,**

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

## SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

### PLANS.

The following is a list of Plans submitted to and approved by the Council during the year 1925.

|  |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Bungalows                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| House and Shop                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Alterations and Conversion (1 into 2 Houses) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Electric Sub-station                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| New Houses                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Semi-detached Villas                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Garage                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Poultry Houses                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Pavilion                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Petrol Chambers                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Lay-out Plan                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Warping Shed                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| New Scullery                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Pump House                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Drainage Plan                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Temporary Wooden Bungalow                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Proposed New Road, Bagley                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| New Water Closets                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| New Baths                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| New Privy                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Number of Houses on Council's Housing Site   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |

### HIGHWAYS.

Summary of the work done on the highways during the year:—

**Leeds and Bradford Road.** Repairing with Tarmacadam from Mile Stone to Owlcotes Lane.

Excavating, pitching and repairing with Tarmacadam (Woodlea Terrace) from Owlcotes Lane to Dawson's Shop.

Repairing footpath (Woodlea Terrace) with Tarmacadam.

Kerbing from Owlcotes Lane to Dawson's Shop.

Flagging from Old Road to New Street, and various places.

Paving in Bradford Road, also two Crossings, Wheatley's Garage.

### DISTRICT ROADS.

**Galloway Lane.** Repairing with Tarmacadam from Mr. Dufton's Farm to Mr. Womersley's, Thorney Hurst, side drive gate, about 220 yards, and from Bradford Road for about 100 yards.



**Old Road and Town Street.** Repairing from Water Lane to Wesley Street with Granite and Glutrin Bound.

Flagging and repairing footpath, Moorfield Terrace.

**New Street.** New Crossing made with Tarmacadam at Messrs. J. Stephenson's Warehouse.

Flagging from Gilbert Street to Sydney Street and various places.

Paving three Crossings.

**Bagley Lane.** Repairing from Springfield Mill Gates to Mr. Popplewell's, West View, with Granite and Glutrin Bound.

The following shows the quantity of road materials used.

|            |          |                 |
|------------|----------|-----------------|
| Tarmacadam | 458 Tons | Main Road.      |
| Tarmacadam | 360 „    | Galloway Lane.  |
| Tarmacadam | 26 „     | Calverley Lane. |
| Granite    | 60 „     | Bagley.         |
| Granite    | 91 „     | Town Street.    |

**Tarspraying.** The whole length of Water Lane and New Street; Old Road to New Inn; Town Street from New Inn to the Offices; the whole length of Calverley Lane, Galloway Lane, Woodhall Road, Bagley Lane and Bagley, Bradford Road (both sides), Sun Street, Green Street, and Bryan Street (about 260 tons of Chippings and 6,160 gallons of Tar used).

## WATER SUPPLY.

The following shows the quantity of water registered at Boundary Meters:—

| Low Level.             | High Level.       | Total.            |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1923—10,914,000 galls. | 36,342,000 galls. | 47,256,000 galls. |
| 1924—11,728,000 galls. | 37,700,000 galls. | 49,428,000 galls. |
| 1925—12,311,000 galls. | 37,804,000 galls. | 50,115,000 galls. |

The following is quantity of water metered for trade purposes:—

| Low Level.            | High Level.      | Total.            |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1923—5,907,000 galls. | 3,076,000 galls. | 8,983,000 galls.  |
| 1924—6,293,000 galls. | 3,454,000 galls. | 9,747,000 galls.  |
| 1925—6,244,000 galls. | 4,835,000 galls. | 11,079,000 galls. |

Deducting the total amount of water used for trade purposes from the quantity registered at the Boundary Meters, and taking the population at 6,100, the amount consumed for domestic purposes per head for every 24 hours is 19·05 gallons, as against 19·36 gallons per head per day last year.

Scraping and cleaning out Water Mains in Bagley Lane, New Street, Old Road from Andrew Street to Church Corner and Town Street from Church Corner to Water Lane.



Fixing 4 3in. Valves, 2 Old Road, 1 New Street, 1 Bagley, and 1 6in. Valve, Old Road opposite Wesley Road.

300 yards of 1in. galvanized water pipe laid in Woodhall Road.

3in. main in Farfield Avenue, 50 yards of 3in. water main in Wade Street.

Several leakages repaired, also hydrants and valves repaired.

45 yards of 3in. water main laid in Wade Street.

## STEAM ROLLER.

The Roller has been engaged  $134\frac{1}{2}$  days during the year, which is accounted for as follows:—

|                             |     |     |     |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| Other Authorities           | ... | ... | ... | $37\frac{1}{2}$ days. |
| Own Road                    | ... | ... | ... | 28 „                  |
| Main Road                   | ... | ... | ... | $23\frac{3}{4}$ „     |
| Galloway Lane               | ... | ... | ... | $22\frac{3}{4}$ „     |
| Old Road and Calverley Lane | ... | ... | ... | $20\frac{1}{2}$ „     |
| Private                     | ... | ... | ... | 2 „                   |
|                             |     |     |     | <hr/>                 |
|                             |     |     |     | $134\frac{1}{2}$ „    |

A new Roller has been purchased owing to the old Roller breaking down. I have not been able to carry out my full work of repairs as I should have done if the Roller had been available.

## PUBLIC LIGHTING.

During the season 262 lamps were lighted and fitted with Incandescent Burners.

- 99 Single upright incandescent lamps.
- 44 Single inverted incandescent lamps.
- 119 Double inverted incandescent lamps.
- 2 Double inverted incandescent sewer lamps.
- 3 Triple inverted incandescent sewer lamps.
- 5 New lamps fixed.

## SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

### FARM.

The precipitation tanks have several times been emptied and cleaned out of sludge, and the sewage has been distributed on the land and Alumino Ferric used.

The effluent from beds has been fairly satisfactory under the circumstances and conditions.

The four Sludge Lagoons have been charged with sludge and emptied several times. The whole of the sludge is carted away by Mr. Binks, about 807 loads being disposed of during the year.

Two plots of land have been ploughed, etc., and planted with potatoes.

The work generally has been carried out satisfactorily under the circumstances.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE.**

During the year 5 cases of Infectious Disease were notified to me, which are as follows: Diphtheria 0, Scarlet Fever 5, Enteric 0. All cases notified by your Medical Officer of Health. Disinfectants are given out when applied for. All cases taken to Hospital.

## **SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.**

There are 6 Slaughter-houses in the district and 5 are constantly used. These are inspected at various periods and I may state that they are kept in good and clean condition.

## **DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.**

These have been inspected at various times and in each case I found them clean and in a satisfactory order. Limewashing of Cowsheds has been attended to by the farmers.

## **BAKEHOUSES.**

The Bakehouses have been inspected and are kept in fairly clean condition.

## **NUISANCES.**

Twenty-nine notices have been sent out for abatement of Nuisances: 1 defective ashpit, 1 burning clippings, 2 defective chimney, 1 for fixing 6 slopstones and gullies and 24 for insanitary closets.

## **CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.**

During the past year I have the pleasure to report that 90 Water Closets have been connected to sewer, 19 Privies have been converted into Water Closets.

|                     | Total for the year. |     |     |    | Total. |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|----|--------|
| Water Closets       | ...                 | ... | ... | 90 | 1185   |
| Pan or Pail Closets | ...                 | ... | ... | 5  | 5      |

|  | Total for the year | Total |
|--|--------------------|-------|
| *Midden Privies ... ..                   | 19                 | 140   |
| Ashpits separate from Midden Privies ... | 1                  | 122   |
| Dust Bins ... ..                         | 53                 | 494   |
| Cesspools ... ..                         | 13                 | 13    |
| Waste Water Closets ... ..               | 21                 | 21    |
| Baths ... ..                             | 33                 | 491   |
| * According to recent census.            |                    |       |

### ASHPITS, ETC.

Ashpits emptied during the year 1925:—

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Ashpits emptied ... ..      | 2733  |
| Loads.                      |       |
| Loads tipped at Farm ... .. | 48    |
| „ „ on Land ... ..          | 364   |
| „ „ at Tip ... ..           | 2114  |
|                             | <hr/> |
|                             | 2526  |
|                             | <hr/> |

### SEWERING.

About 1,090 yards of 15in. pipes have been laid from Ruskin Street, Bradford Road, Priesthorpe Road and through land to Woodhall Road.

About 550 yards of 9in. pipes have been laid in Woodhall Road, 19 manholes built, and 3 lamp holes for Woodhall building site.

About 30 yards of 6in. pipes have been laid and one manhole built in Wade Street for the Council's houses.

### TABLE D.

#### SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1925.

Table showing action under Sections 15, 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, Section 28 of the 1919 Act, and the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, dated September 2nd, 1910, or matters arising therefrom.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924: None.

Action under (Section 15) 1919 or (Section 28) 1919: None.

Action under P.H. Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under (Section 28) 1919: None.

Action under (Section 17) 1909: None.

Appeals: None.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1925: None.

### Other Action with regard to Housing:—

Total number of houses in district: 1,680. Number of working-class houses: No record. General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919: Large number without baths. Number of back-to-back houses: 472.

Obstructive Buildings.—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890 Act?: No.

Result of action (if any): —.

Any building represented by Inhabitant Householders under Sec. 38 (2) of 1890 Act?: None. Result: —.

Unhealthy Areas.—Any representations under part I or II of the 1890 Act? If so give particulars: None.

Re-construction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act?: No.

Conversion of Houses.—Any houses required for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act? If so give particulars: None.

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Inhabitant Householders under Sec. 31 of 1890 Act?: None.

Any complaints by Parish Council under Sec. 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894?: None.

Any action by Public Utility Societies?: None.

Any action under Small Dwelling Acquisition Act, 1899?: No.

Any scarcity of houses, if so, where?: 60 houses in course of erection by L.A. in addition to 30 mentioned last list.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses, and where?: Odd houses throughout district.

No. of cases of overcrowding dealt with during 1921?: None.

Any special activity in house building, and where?: No.

Have the Council promoted, or assisted any public Utility Society in their district?: No.

Number of new houses built during 1925 by private enterprise. (a) Working-class dwellings: 1. (b) Other: 2.

State-aided Housing Schemes.—Has Scheme been submitted as required by Section 1 of 1919 Act: —. Estimated need for houses. Scheme for houses.

Sites.—Applications submitted, 1; acreage, 3. Applications approved, 1; acreage, 3.

Lay-outs.—Submitted, 1; approved, 1.

House Plans.—Submitted, Scullery 20, Parlour 10; Approved, Scullery 20, Parlour 10.

Tenders.—Submitted, Scullery 20, Parlour 10; Approved, Scullery 20, Parlour 10.

Works commenced.—Scullery 20, Parlour 10.

Houses accupied.—Scullery 8, Parlour —.

Any houses built by private enterprise under State-aided Housing Scheme? If so, give No. and type built: One, non-parlour bungalow.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under (Sec. 17, 7) 1909 Act?: None. Any action thereunder?: —.

Town Planning.—Any scheme prepared during 1925? If so, give details: Joint with Leeds and Bradford.

Any scheme contemplated? If so, for what area?: —.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910: Victor Wilson, Council Offices, Farsley.

## **FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.**

### **1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.**

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

| Premises.  | Inspections. | Number of<br>Written<br>Notices. | Occupiers<br>prosecuted. |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Factories ... ..<br>(Including Factory Laundries)      | 2            | 0                                | 0                        |
| Workshops ... ..<br>(Including Workshop Laundries)     | 0            | 0                                | 0                        |
| Workplaces ... ..<br>(Other than Outworkers' premises) | 0            | 0                                | 0                        |
| Total ... ..   | 2            | 0                                | 0                        |

### **2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.**

Nuisances under the Public Health Acts—

Number of defects found—Nil.

Number remedied—Nil.

Number referred to H.M. Inspector—Nil.

Number of offences in respect to which prosecutions were instituted—Nil.

### **Outwork in Unwholesome Premises (Section 108).**

Number of instances—Nil.

Number of notices served—Nil.

Number of prosecutions—Nil.





